

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : HACKER et al.  
Serial No. : 09/371,769  
Filing Date : 10 August 1999  
For : HERBICIDAL COMPOSITIONS FOR TOLERANT OR RESISTANT  
COTTON CROPS  
Examiner : PRYOR, Alton Nathaniel  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR RCE**

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the final rejection of 1 October 2008, setting a three month term for reply (a Notice of Appeal was filed by the applicants' on 1 April 2009). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-0320.